Tetra-ethel Christianity

Jn. 9:25 "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see".

Intro - The tetra-ethel demonstration -

Can Xty be demonstrated as conclusively?

Text -

Experience gives us our religion; our explanation of spiritual experience gives us our theologies.

I. How can equally honest men read the Bible & yet hold such divergent systems of faith?

Calvin & Wesley.

The man who suddenly succeeded in business - horseshoe, planets, change in business conditions, inheritance of $20,000.

II. Thus, we can all agree as to the experience recorded in the Bible - but the explanation of those experiences may be legion.

The ultimate true theology.

The discoverers of tetra-ethel had the first & most vital experience. Our best understanding of it is our own experience with tetraethel gasoline in our own cars.

Return to the man of our text -

Out of his experience he reasoned -

Likewise, we reason from our own experience with Xty. We begin with experience, not with a set of beliefs or a system of doctrines.

D. L. Moody's attempts to join the church.

Examinations before Presbytery.

2/ III When it comes to Xty we are not given a theory, but a Life.

Jesus, 1st of all is an experience.

When we give X a trial in our own lives, then we have our own personal experience.

The demonstration of tetra-ethel was far more conclusive than all the explanations of it. It is the demonstration of X in our lives that counts.

The true scientific method — the facts carefully studied — then the formulated theory.

Xty — first the experience — then the explanation.

Just a tetral-ethel removes the knock from gas. X in our lives smooths out all the hard knocks of the world.

What does it mean to have X. in our lives? His sense of oneness with God, his full co-operation with God in all things. — his doing the will of God — the new attitude towards our fellows.

What is your Xty — a theology or an experience? a belief or a life? Can you say, "I know whom I have believed!" "I know that my redeemer liveth?" "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see"?